



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

*“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”*

### Announced Mass intentions

Sat., Sept. 23	5:00PM Mass – Telesphore Flansberry+
Sun., Sept. 24	<b>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Danielle Sicard+
	Hamilton Sequeira+
	Adelaida Marcaida & Family+
Wed., Sept. 27	12:15PM Mass – Ralph Gardner+
Thurs., Sept. 28	12:15PM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+
Fri., Sept. 29	11:30AM <b>ADORATION</b> until 12 noon
	12:15PM Mass – Marissa Sanchez+
	Merv Hanniman+
	Mathilda Lessen+
Sat., Sept. 30	5:00PM Mass – Paul Lafleche+
Sun., Oct. 01	<b>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
	8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
	10:00AM Mass – Gerelie Pacis (lvg)
	Paul Obidike (lvg)
	Frank, Joseph & Frank Jr. Tomas+

### Events Calendar ...

Wed., Sept. 27	7:00PM Choir (10:00) practice – Church
Thurs., Sept. 28	1:00PM Steering Committee meeting for Horizon of Hope – Hall
	7:00PM Faith Study – Hall
Fri., Sept. 29	9:30AM Faith Study – Rm A / Library
Sat., Sept. 30	4:40PM Rosary – Church
	6:00PM Pig Roast – Hall
Sun., Oct. 01	10:00AM Children's Liturgy



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY (ages 3-12)** will resume on **Sunday, October 01** during the **10:00 a.m. Mass**. We look forward to seeing all the children as we journey in faith together.

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**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA-CORNWALL** has pledged to raise \$1.2 million towards the Canadian Bishops' \$30 million Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This year's collection in the parishes is the weekend of November 04/05. Last year our parish raised \$1,385.00. This year our parish goal is \$4,628.00. The 2023 Fundraising Campaign will kick off on September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Special envelopes will be available starting September 30 at the entrances of the Church. Learn more at [www.journeyforhealing.ca](http://www.journeyforhealing.ca).

### Pastor's Column...

#### A FAMILY'S HEROIC WITNESS OF LOVE

This week, one of the parishioners mentioned to me how little is known of the wonderful work done by Christians around the world. How many charitable institutions are supported by our Catholic institutions even in Canada but very little is advertised. Then I read a story about a family's heroic witness of love in Poland.

*“It was a long Lent for Catholics in Markowa, a town of 4,500 inhabitants in southeastern Poland. The year was 1944, four years into the German occupation. The villagers were looking forward to celebrating Easter, and the liberation from their occupiers that seemed near.*

*Like their neighbors, Józef and Wiktoria Ulma were preparing for the Holy Week liturgies. But they were also preparing for the birth of their seventh child and the possibility that the eight Jews they sheltered could come out of hiding and live again without fear.*

*Such anticipations came to an end, however, in the early morning hours of March 24 when German police murdered the entire Ulma family, along with the Jews they had taken in. While they did not live long enough to partake in Holy Week, the Ulmas bore witness to Christ's death and resurrection with their blood.*

*On Dec. 17, 2022, the Vatican approved a decree on the martyrdom of the family of Józef and Wiktoria Ulma, paving the way for their beatification Sept. 10 in a ceremony in Markowa. This is the first time an entire family will be beatified together.”*

(For the full story go to the Knights of Columbus September Columbia issue or see a printout on our bulletin board)

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in making our **FEAST DAY** celebration on Sunday, September 17. Thanks to Bishop Yvan Mathieu for presiding over the Mass. It was **A HUGE SUCCESS**. Thanks to all the volunteers in the many different ministries! It was indeed a **FEAST DAY CELEBRATION!**

God bless,  
Fr. Lukose CMF

**IF YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE** in the hospital and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, you are asked to please contact the Chaplain from that hospital. Sacrament of the Sick can be received even if one is not at the point of death. It is not the last Sacrament.

### Parish News and Community Life...

**PARISH PIG ROAST:** Buy your tickets for the **PARISH PIG ROAST** held on **Saturday, September 30** at **6:00 p.m.** The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is open to everyone. Tickets are on sale at the back of the Church after weekend Masses or by calling Joe Goski at 613-294 6524. The cost is \$25 for adults, and free for children younger than 13.



## MASS OFFERINGS

The tradition of giving offerings to have Masses celebrated for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Christ's faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, especially the support of the sacred ministers and the fulfillment of the Church's apostolic activity (cf. canon 946). Normally, a separate Mass is celebrated for each individual offering. The recommended diocesan offering for an announced (communal) Mass is **\$15**, to be remitted to the priest celebrant. The offering for an unannounced Mass (not announced publicly) is **\$10**.

The Church permits Masses with multiple intentions as an exception to normal practice. **In our parish, the two Masses designated as "multiple intention" Masses will be, Sunday's at 10:00 a.m. and Friday's at 12:15 p.m. Only one Mass intention will be celebrated at all other Masses.** Parishioners are encouraged to have **unannounced Masses** offered if the schedule fills up too quickly. These Mass intentions and offerings could be sent to the Chancery office to be celebrated by our retired priests or priests in mission territories who depend on them for their sustenance.

To request a Mass Intention, please either call the parish office (613-731-7834) or come by the office during office hours (please call to ensure the office is open).

**PLEASE NOTE:** We thank all parishioners who have been requesting Mass Intentions. Unfortunately we cannot accept e-transfers for Mass Intentions as it affects our accounting system. E-transfers are for donations only. Please contact the parish office when requesting a Mass Intention. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Holy Cross has renewed the FORMED website access for another year:** Through FORMED On Demand, you now have convenient access to a vast library of high quality and regularly updated films, talks, eBooks, and audio dramas, all of which will enrich your faith. We highly recommend our most recently featured content as you begin to explore the rich truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith. Parishioners are invited to explore the many Catholic videos, audio recordings, movies, and books. Go to our parish website to join FORMED for FREE

### *Other Interests . . .*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:** Ottawa joins 17 other Canadian cities and hundreds of locations throughout the world as we unite in one common effort to pray, fast and sacrifice for 40 consecutive days, for an end to abortion.

**Opening Rally:** Sunday, September 24 at 4 pm at the vigil site—southwest corner of Queen St at Bank St.

**Mid-point Rally:** Sunday, October 15, at vigil site at 4 pm.

**Closing Rally:** Sunday, November 05, at vigil site at 6 pm (followed by procession from the Vigil site to St. Patrick's.)

100,000 babies die through the abortion process. This is a real tragedy for our country and as people of faith we must stand together to assert the humanity of the unborn child. We welcome your participation. Please contact us at 613-299-2515 or [wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca](mailto:wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca) for more information.

**SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**—Invites all Priests, Religious and Laity to join us at Holy Redeemer Parish (44 Rothesay Dr. Kanata) on Saturday, September 30. Theme: *Seeing the Significance of Our Lady's Warnings on our Lives Today*. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the conference starts at 9 am sharp. We will

close with Holy Mass at 5 pm celebrated by Bishop Yvan Mathieu S.M., Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. Our guest speaker is Professor Daniel O'Connor. Registration is required. To register please either call 613-254-7220 or email [spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com) or go the website at [www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca](http://www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca). See poster on the bulletin board for full details.

**CAMP RESOLUTE:** A Youth Retreat (ages 12-18 years old) that re-introduces the concept of God's love and His plan as something that is personal and real. Youth will have the opportunity to learn more about their relationship with God through a series of talks and activities. The overnight event is on October 20 – 22 at 415 Nicolls Island Rd. The cost is \$75, and it covers food, venue and materials. You can e-transfer your registration payment to [julius\\_dapar@yahoo.com](mailto:julius_dapar@yahoo.com) and/or any questions you may have. See poster on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.

## COLLECTION REPORT

17 September 2023 – \$2,639.00 (env) / \$544.15 (loose)

~ **THANK YOU for your generosity and support** ~

**YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS** are critical for the financial health of the Parish and make a difference!

There are several methods in supporting the Parish:

- Offertory Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP). PAP forms may be found on the table at the entrance of the Church.
- Canada Helps on-line donations.
- E-transfer use: [office@holycrossparish.com](mailto:office@holycrossparish.com)

### PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS (PAP)

Did you know ... Once-a-month Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP) is the same as a cash or cheque offering for the collection basket! It helps us by providing a regular, dependable flow of contributions.

**NOTE:** If you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the parish office with your new contact information so that our records are updated.



Direct Your **United Way Contributions** to Holy Cross Parish: Did you know that you are able to direct your United Way contribution to Holy Cross? Simply mark the appropriate section on the reverse of your form to direct your monies to Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd., Ottawa, ON K1V 6R8. You not only give to United Way, but you help your church as well. Charity Name: Holy Cross Parish/Registration Number: 12896 7353 RR0012

Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?

**IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**